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THE FILIBUSTERERS

Referring to Noah Webster for the definition of "filibuster," we find this word used as a noun means "An irregular military adventurer in quest of plunder; a freebooter; a member of a legislative or deliberative body who obstructs or prevents action by extreme use of dilatory tactics, such as speaking to consume time." Harry Lane, senator from Oregon, and 11 other United States senators have been termed filibusters. So our readers can apply to these twelve men any one of the three definitions they choose. The press of Oregon, and in fact a majority of the people of the state are rapping our senator for the part he took with these senators which prevented action on the president's request for authority to protect American rights by arming merchantmen. The Mist does not uphold the action of these senators, but it does think that they should be given the benefit of the doubt. Among these twelve men are some of the strongest (politically) of the nation. For instance, both LaFollette and Cummins have been presidential possibilities and both are men of national importance. So it is unreasonable to suppose that such men as Clapp of Minnesota, Stone of Missouri, Works of California, Jones of Washington and O'Gorman of New York would have stood out in the face of such odds, realizing that the country at large would censure them, that they were digging their own political graves, and also incurring the enmity of the majority of their constituents, unless they thought they were acting for the country's welfare. It must be admitted there are good men among these disciples of "peace at any price," and before the American people passes judgment it is only fair to give these men a chance to explain their actions. Senators are servants of the people, but it does not necessarily follow that they have no ideas of their own nor the right to act for the interest of all the people as they see it. The Mist does not favor the action of the filibusters, but it does favor a cool, calm and deliberate consideration of the matter.

At the coming city election the voters of St. Helens will have the opportunity to express their wishes as to a reduction in the water rates. The proposed amendment is "that the maximum charge per single faucet for household uses shall not exceed \$1 per month; and for bath and toilet 25 cents extra for either or both; and for sprinkling lawns and gardens, the maximum charge shall not exceed \$2 per year." The Mist for some months has urged the water commission to reduce the exorbitant rates now charged. The net income of the water system does not warrant such high rates nor can the people afford to pay them. Notwithstanding the fact that since the building of the main water line approximately \$10,000 has been expended in laying laterals, the surplus fund accumulated in six years by the water board is now more than \$10,000, or one-fifth of the bond issue. The water bonds are twenty-year bonds, and with the net profit of the system amounting to \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year, it can readily be seen that in the remaining fourteen years before the bonds mature the water system should have a surplus of \$80,000 to \$90,000. Should it be necessary to renew the entire system during this time it could be done and then leave \$15,000 of a surplus after paying the bonds. There are approximately 400 water users in St. Helens, so the proposed reduction will make a difference of about \$150 per month in the earnings of the water system. The water rates are excessive and should be reduced. The city should not exact a 25 per cent profit at the expense of the taxpayers. The amendment will carry by a large majority vote.

The S. P. & S. hasn't started on the new depot—as yet.

Woodrow Wilson, not democrat, not republican, but president of the United States and our president.

"Marse Jackson" of the Oregon Journal is still after Gus Moser. Probably he thinks Moser will make a strong fight for the republican nomination for governor, therefore would like to put him in bad so the Journal can slip through some democratic candidate. Does anyone believe in the Journal's sincerity?

NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS

Notice is hereby given that at the general City election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following proposed Charter Amendment will be submitted to the voters of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, for their approval or rejection which said proposed Charter amendment is contained in a resolution duly passed by the Council of said City on the 5th day of March, 1917, which proposed resolution is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, that there be and hereby is proposed for submission to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens, at the regular municipal election to be held in said City on the 2nd day of April, 1917, for their adoption or rejection, the following proposed Amendment to the Charter of said City of St. Helens, being an Amendment of Section 95 of said Charter relative to the scale of prices for the use of water and fixing a maximum flat rate for one faucet, for bath and toilet and for the sprinkling of lawns and gardens.

CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY THE COUNCIL

AN ACT

To amend Section 95 of the Charter of the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon, which is entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 25, 1889; and as amended by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon in 1893, and 1905; and as also amended by proposed Charter amendments submitted to the legal voters of said City of St. Helens, at a special election held August 2, 1909, and general elections held on the 4th day of April, 1910, and on the 7th day of April, 1913, and at a special election held on the 23rd day of July, 1915.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS: That Section 95 of an Act comprising the Charter of the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon, which is entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 25, 1889; and as amended by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon in 1893 and 1905; and also as amended by proposed Charter amendments submitted to the legal voters of said City of St. Helens, at a special election held August 2, 1909, and at general elections held on the 4th day of April, 1910, and on the 7th day of April, 1913, and at a special election held on the 23rd day of July, 1915, be amended to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 95. The Water Commission for and on behalf of the City shall have power and it is hereby authorized to fix a scale of prices from time to time to be charged for the use of water, provide for collecting the same and provide for the time of payment thereof and fix penalties for failure to pay for the same and for waste water, and for the protection and regulation of the users; provided, that the maximum charge per single faucet for household uses, shall not exceed \$1.00 per month; and for bath and toilet twenty-five cents extra for either or both; and for the sprinkling of lawns and gardens, the maximum charge shall not exceed \$2.00 per year of four hours duration daily, with half inch hose, during the sprinkling season.

Resolved further, that this resolution for a proposed Charter amendment to be submitted to the voters by the Council be filed with the Recorder of the City of St. Helens upon its approval by the Mayor, for submission to the legal voters of the City of St. Helens, for their rejection or approval to be voted upon at the general election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 1917, as by law required.

Resolved further, that the said Recorder be, and he hereby is, instructed and required to publish this resolution together with the ballot

title provided by the City Attorney at least once in the official newspaper of the City of St. Helens, within ten days immediately preceding said election.

Passed by the Common Council this 5th day of March, 1917.

Yeas 3; Nays 1.

Submitted to the Mayor this 5th day of March, 1917.

Approved by the Mayor this 5th day of March, 1917.

S. C. MORTON,

Mayor.

Filed March 5, 1917.

E. E. QUICK,

Recorder.

The ballot title and number of said proposed Amendment will be as follows, to-wit:

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To amend Section 95 of the Charter of the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, Oregon, entitled "An Act to amend an act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 25, 1889, as subsequently by the Legislative Assembly and as amended by certain Charter Amendments made by the voters of St. Helens at elections held August 2, 1909, April 4, 1910, April 7, 1913, and July 23, 1915, relative to the SCALE OF PRICES FOR THE USE OF WATER AND FIXING A MAXIMUM RATE FOR ONE FAUCET, AND FOR BATH AND TOILET AND FOR THE SPRINKLING OF LAWNS AND GARDENS.

Shall said proposed Amendment be adopted?

100 Yes.

101 No.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Kennedy, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the estate of Robert Kennedy, deceased, to present the same, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned, administrator with the Will annexed of said estate, at his office in St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, that being the place designated for the transaction of the business of said estate, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 2, 1917.

GEO. H. SHINN,

Administrator with the Will annexed of the estate of Robert Kennedy, deceased.

E. S. SNELLING,

Attorney for said estate.

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